

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 62nd LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES**

**Call to Order:** Chair Debby Barrett, on February 14, 2011 at 3:00 PM, in Room 422 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. Debby Barrett, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Greg Hinkle, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. John Brenden (R)  
Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D)  
Sen. Verdell Jackson (R)  
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)  
Sen. Jim Keane (D)  
Sen. Donald J. Steinbeisser (R)  
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)  
Sen. David E. Wanzonried (D)

**Members Excused:** Sen. Cliff Larsen (D)  
Sen. Jim Peterson (R)  
Sen. Chas Vincent (R)  
Sen. Edward Walker (R)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Kevin McCue, Committee Secretary  
Sonja Nowakowski, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 299, 2/10/2011

Executive Action : SB 263 - Tabled

**HEARING ON SB 299**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:03 Sen. Bradley Hamlett (D), SD 10, opened the hearing on SB 299, Clarify taxation and ownership river channel changed by evulsion.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:03:32 Chris Christiaens, lobbyist, Montana Farmers Union (MFU)

**Opponents' Testimony:**

None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:04:15 Prof. Chuck Willey, self

00:08:06 Tom Schultz, Trust Land Management Division Administrator, Department of Natural Resources (DNRC)

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**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:11:12 Sen. Jackson  
00:11:39 Mr. Schultz, DNRC  
00:13:15 Sen. Tropila  
00:13:41 Sen. Hamlett  
00:15:11 Sen. Tropila  
00:15:32 Mr. Schultz  
00:17:04 Sen. Barrett  
00:17:23 Sen. Hamlett  
00:18:34 Sen. Barrett  
00:18:42 Mr. Willey  
00:20:23 Sen. Brenden  
00:20:39 Mr. Willey  
00:21:18 Sen. Jackson  
00:21:54 Mr. Willey

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:22:34 Sen. Hamlett

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON SB 263**

00:24:47     **Motion:** Sen. Hinkle moved that **SB 263 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

00:25:28     Sen. Brenden  
00:26:11     Sen. Steinbeisser  
00:26:26     Sen. Hinkle  
00:26:46     Sen. Tropila  
00:27:14     Sen. Brenden  
00:27:20     Sen. Larsen joined the meeting  
00:28:27     Sen. Barrett  
00:28:52     Sen. Hamlett  
00:29:29     Sen. Wanzenried  
00:29:41     Sen. Jackson  
00:29:58     Sen. Hamlett

00:30:22     **Vote:** Motion failed 1-13 by voice vote with Sen. Kaufmann voting aye. Sen. Peterson, Sen. Vincent and Sen. Walker voted by proxy.

00:31:00     **Motion/Vote:** Sen. Brenden moved that **SB 263 BE TABLED AND THE VOTE REVERSED.** Motion passed 10-1 by voice vote of those present and voting with Sen. Kaufmann voting no.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment:

00:33:25

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Kevin McCue, Secretary

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